MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Governing Body of Sports Authority of India has decided to set up six Regional Centres. The South Centre is being developed at Bangalore. The requirements of Kerala will be served by the Centre at Bangalore. Sports Authority of India, therefore, do not propose to set up a separate Centre in Kerala.

**Posts of Assistant Professor in JIPMER, Pondicherry**

4164. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts of Assistant Professor which are temporary or are lying vacant in different categories in the JIPMER, Pondicherry; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The number of temporary posts of Assistant Professor in JIPMER, Pondicherry is 31. The number of vacant posts is 19, out of total number of 65 posts of Asstt. Professor.

(b) The main reason for non-filling of posts of Assistant Professor in JIPMER, Pondicherry is general reluctance on the part of the selected candidates to join. For some posts, particularly of super specialities and those reserved for candidates belonging to S. C. and S. T., candidates are not available inspite of UPSC advertisements.

**Construction of railway line from Jammu to Udhampur**

4165. SHRI DHARAM PAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the construction of Railway line from Jammu and Udhampur has been going on;

(b) what is the total cost involved on this project;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred so far; and

(d) what is the expected date of completion of this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 1981-82.

(b) Rs. 112 crore.

(c) Expenditure incurred upto March '88 is Rs. 14.54 crore. Outlay for 1988-89 is Rs. 7 crore.

(d) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

**Crash of helicopter near Pondicherry**

4166. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a helicopter of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission crashed off Pondicherry coast on the 12th August, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details of the crash indicating the number and identity of casualties; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the cause of crash, if so, what are the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) A Dauphin SA365N helicopter of Pawan Hans Ltd. on charter to ONGC on a flight from Madras to offshore rigs Sagar Prabhat and Badrinath crashed on 12.8.88 approx. 10 miles east of Pondicherry. The last call was transmitted by the helicopter at 1526 IST and contact was lost thereafter. Both crew members and all 8 passengers on board are believed killed. Three bodies have been recovered. The

details of crew and passengers are given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(c) A Committee of Inquiry has been ordered to the accident.

**Statement**

| | Name | Nationality | Organisation |
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| *PILOTS :* | | | |
| 1 | Lt. Col. R. Subramaniam | Indian | |
| 2 | Lt. Col. I. Rajan | Indian | |
| *PASSENGERS :* | | | |
| 1 | Shri David Paul Chief Officer | Indian | M/s. Scan Drilling Company. |
| 2 | Sh. Neil David Sargeant Chief Engineer | British | M/s. Flow Petrol |
| 3 | Sh. Joseph Mathew Operator | Indian | M/s. Flow Petrol |
| 4 | Sh. Lowix Xavier Chief Engineer | Indian | M/s. Flow Petrol |
| 5 | Sh. S.P. Kadiresan (ONGC Pass) | Indian | M/s. Fairmax Trg. Co. (Madras catering contractor) (ONGC catering contractor) |
| 6 | Sh. Yunus Ahmad Chief Engineer | Indonesian | M/s. Schlumberger |
| 7 | Sh. N. Elango Cameraman | Indian | Inter Ad. Agency Ultimate Vidiotronics (I) Ltd. 124. Navjeevan Vihar, New Delhi. |
| 8 | Sh. Deepak Wahi Director | Indian | -Do- |

**Vacant post of graduate medical seats**

4167. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Post Graduate medical seats lying vacant in various medical colleges in the country;

(b) what are the reasons for not filling up the seats in time; and

(c) the steps are likely to be taken by Government to ensure immediate filling up of vacant seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) No information regarding the total number of post-graduate seats lying vacant in various medical colleges in the country is available in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, as per the directions of the Supreme Court of India, an all India Entrance Examination was conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for admission to 25 per cent of the total number of Post graduate seats. Against the approximately 1700 seats made available for All India Entrance Examination, 594 candidates who had qualified the examination, were offered admission. The remaining vacant seats were surrendered in favour